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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: STEPHEN L. BALL

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

OBTAINING 3D IMAGES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Before undertaking the examination of the above noted application, Applicant hereby requests the following:

AMENDMENTS:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 3. (Amended) The apparatus according to [either preceding] claim 1, wherein the imaging device comprises a digital video camera.
- 4. (Amended) The apparatus according to [any preceding] claim [2] 1, wherein the imaging device is capable of zoom functions.